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SUBJ: TORRIJOS STATEMENT ON TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

1. TODAY'S NEWSPAPERS QUOTE GENERAL TORRIJOS IN SPEECH JULY 12 AS HAVING SAID PANAMA WILL OWN PANAMA CANAL AFTER 1994 AND "WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO MANAGE THE WATERWAY COMPLETELY AND TO GUARANTEE ITS NORMAL AND EFFICIENT OPERATION 24 HOURS A DAY TO SHIPPING FROM ALL COUNTRIES". SPEAKING AT FINAL SESSION OF SEMINAR FOR GOP OFFICIALS, TORRIJOS SAID THAT PRIOR TO 1994 "VITAL CONCESSIONS" WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM U.S. THAT WOULD RENDER EFFECTIVE PANAMA'S JURISDICTION OVER CANAL ZONE AND AFTER 1994 PANAMA WOULD OWN THE WATERWAY.

2. TORRIJOS ALSO SAID PANAMA COULD BUILD ANOTHER CANAL FROM ITS OWN RESOURCES AS IT HAS RECEIVED OFFERS OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT IS PRECLUDED FROM DOING SO BY 1903 TREATY.

COMMENT: SEMI-INDEPENDENT LA ESTRELLA AND STAR AND HERALD HEADLINE STATEMENT ON CANAL. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PRESS EMPHASIZES ROLE OF PUBLIC SERVANTS IN
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CARRYING OUT GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES. TORRIJOS'

STATEMENT REMOVES FLEXIBILITY ON DURATION CONTAINED IN
FOREIGN MINISTER TACK'S LETTER TO SECRETARY ROGERS.
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